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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6577

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF FPA AID DEDUCTIONS

REF: A. QUITO 6552; B. STATE 246510

1. ALTHOUGH I HAD WITHDRAWN MY REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY WHEN IT WAS APPARENT THAT CABINET MEETING WOULD PREVENT HIS SEEING ME, FONMIN CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING UNABLE TO SEE ME YESTERDAY AND ASKED THAT I PLEASE CALL ON HIM AT 10:00 A.M. TODAY. I, OF COURSE, AGREED.

2. DURING CALL, WHICH HAPPILY AFFORDED ME OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE BREWSTER HEMENWAY AS NEW DCM, I TOLD FONMIN THAT DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO YESTERDAY OF WAIVER OF FPA AID DEDUCTIONS. I DESCRIBED SEQUENCE AND APPLICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AND INDICATED DOMESTIC POLITICAL COST THAT WAIVER ENTAILED. I EXPRESSED HOPE THIS POSITIVE STEP WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER EFFORTS TO FIND WAYS TO WORK OUT OUR MUTUAL PROBLEM, AND SAID THAT I HOPED TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN THE FUTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION I TOLD FONMIN OF THE VISIT LAST WEEK OF ECUADOREAN DESK OFFICER GUTHRIE AND FISHING AND WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE VAN CAMPEN, SAYING THAT THEY HAD HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS BOTH WITH
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ECUADOREAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS IN BOTH QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL

CONCERNING ECUADOR'S FISHERIES PLANS.

3. FONMIN RESPONDED GRACIOUSLY THAT HE VERY PLEASED THAT PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN THIS STEP. HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO SEPARATE OUT THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF OUR RELATIONS AND DEAL WITH THEM WHERE POSSIBLE INDIVIDUALLY. THE FPA WAIVER WAS ONE POSITIVE EXAMPLE OF THIS PROCESS.

4. NEVERTHELESS, FONMIN EXPRESSED ECUADOR'S CONCERN THAT EXISTENCE OF U.S. LEGISLATION WHICH THREATENS UNACCEPTABLE SANCTIONS CONTINUES TO BE DISTURBING ELEMENT IN OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. I REMINDED HIM OF ADMINISTRATION'S AND COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ATTEMPTS LAST JULY TO REMOVE THE SANCTIONS, AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFORT THAT HAD BEEN MADE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LITTLE BY LITTLE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE SUCH SANCTIONS FROM U.S. LEGISLATION.

5. COMMENT: FONMIN SEEMED GENUINELY PLEASED TO BE NOTIFIED OF WAIVER. ALTHOUGH HE ECHOED AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO'S OBJECTIONS TO U.S. SANCTIONING LEGISLATION, HE DID SO WITH GRACE AND DID NOT, AT THE SAME TIME, FORECLOSE TALKS.

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